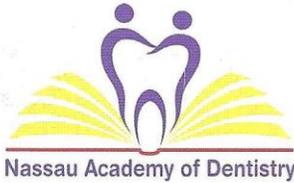


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11th Annual Give Kids A Smile – One for the Record Books

"2014 - The winter of our discontent, has produced record breaking snowfalls in our area, but it has also produced glorious, record-breaking numbers at our annual Give Kids A Smile," stated Drs. Joseph Brofsky and Michael Shreck, Co-Chairs who spearheaded this year's event.

On February 7th, well over 1600 children ages four to seven from underserved areas of Nassau County, were given a truly remarkable experience at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. The children received free dental screening examinations, fluoride treatments, education, puppet shows, and nutritional counseling from a volunteer workforce of 330. The volunteers encompassed all facets of the dental profession, which included 130 dentists, residents from Wyckoff Heights, Winthrop and North Shore-LIJ Medical Centers, hygienists, hygiene students from Briarcliffe and Farmingdale State Colleges, dental assistants, dental assistant students from Barry Tech, nutritionists from North Shore-LIJ and Winthrop Medical Centers, high school students from Lynbrook, Long Beach, Farmingdale, Chaminade and Kellenberg, clerical staff, plus friends and family members of the volunteers. All this while being entertained by a live DJ, and a host of costumed characters that included Elmo, Winnie the Pooh, Superman, Ninja Turtle, Mr. Met, and Ronald McDonald along with the New York Islander Ice Girls.



Dr. John Chicvak examines a child from a local Nassau County elementary school

The Cradle of Aviation is an incredible venue with exhibits detailing the history of flight from hot air balloons, to jet planes and space travel. It has offered an amazing backdrop that has played host to our event for 10 of the last 11 years. The children also viewed The Firefighter's Museum that co-joins the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

They got another fun filled learning experience about fire safety while hopping aboard 100 year-old fire trucks. And to top it all off, they even got to ride on the magnificently restored Nunley's Carousel right outside the museums. Each child was given a snack and a backpack filled with dental products and school supplies.



Group photo of examiners and fluoride team
(Dr. Chicvak pictured far right)



"Smiling faces" on the children waiting for screenings